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Sir:

In response to the office action mailed July 30, 2002, please consider the following amendments and remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Appendix A contains a marked-up copy of the amended claims. Appendix B contains a clean copy of the pending claims.

Please cancel claim 34.

Please amend the following claims to read as follows:

30. (Amended) A plastic blow-molded barrel comprising:
a barrel body having a top surface, a bottom surface, and four substantially identically shaped, convex side surfaces, each side surface connected to two adjacent side surfaces at rounded corners, the bottom surface and four side surfaces having a unitary construction;
a horizontal stiffening element that is formed as an indentation, located between said top surface and bottom surface, and runs along a circumference of the barrel body, and